



# *Regulatory Advisory*

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## **THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO EXTEND THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE SMALL FLEET COMPLIANCE PLAN OF THE TRACTOR-TRAILER GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) REGULATION**

This advisory is to notify stakeholders that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has extended the registration deadline for the Small Fleet Compliance Plan of the Tractor-Trailer Greenhouse Gas Regulation (regulation) to September 1, 2012. This extension will provide certain fleets that have not already registered to use a compliance option under the regulation to participate in the Small Fleet Compliance Plan. The Small Fleet Compliance Plan allows trailer fleet owners to gradually meet the regulatory requirements over four years, beginning in 2013.

### **Regulation Background**

On December 12, 2008, CARB approved for adoption the Tractor-Trailer Greenhouse Gas Regulation (title 17 California Code of Regulations sections 95300-95312) to reduce GHG emissions from long-haul tractor-trailer combination vehicles operating in California. The regulation applies to 53-foot or longer dry-van and refrigerated-van trailers (box-type trailers) and the tractors that pull them on California highways. The regulation requires tractor-trailers operating in California to utilize tractors and box-type trailers that are either SmartWay certified or retrofitted with SmartWay verified aerodynamic devices (typically skirts, tail devices or undercarriage devices for the trailer) and low rolling resistance tires that meet specified fuel efficiency improvements.

Originally, the regulation provided owners of small fleets (fleets consisting of 20 or less box-type trailers) with the following compliance options:

- Bring all of their pre-2011 model year trailers into compliance with the aerodynamic equipment requirements of the regulation by January 1, 2013, or
- Phase-in compliance over a four year period (2013 through 2016) under the condition that they first register their trailers with CARB by July 1, 2012 for the Small Fleet Compliance Plan schedule.

This Advisory extends the registration deadline for small fleets from July 1, 2012 to September 1, 2012, to provide CARB more time to roll out a nationwide campaign to inform owners of small fleets of trailers about the upcoming deadline. Despite the extension, CARB encourages small fleets to register as soon as possible to avoid last minute delays.

## **More Information**

For further information about the regulation, training, outreach efforts, compliance tools or the full text of the Tractor-Trailer GHG Regulation, please visit <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/hdghg/hdghg.htm> or call 866 6DIESEL (866 634-3735), or email us at [8666diesel@arb.ca.gov](mailto:8666diesel@arb.ca.gov).

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